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ON KOREA REPRESENTATIONS.

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SUMMARY: KOREA CORE GROUP MET IN PORT OF SPAIN JULY 30
AT CALL OF CANADIAN CHAIRMAN TO CONSIDER FURTHER REPRE-
SENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENT OF TRNIDAD AND TOBAGO ON
SUBJECT OF KOREA PRIOR TO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN COLOMBO.
MAJORITY FAVORED DELIVERY OF WRITTEN AIDE MEMOIRE BY
JAPANESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, WITH WHICH ALL MISSIONS IN
CORE GROUP WOULD ASSOCIATED. INSTRUCTIONS BEING
SOUGHT FROM CAPITALS AND CORE GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN
WEDNESDAY A.M. EMBASSY SEEKS GUIDANCE ON DEGREE TO
WHICH SEPARATE USG INITIATIVES WITH GOTT CAN BE REVEALED
TO CORE GROUP. END SUMMARY.

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1. CANADIAN HICOMMISSIONER, AS CORE GROUP CONVENER,

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CALLED A MEETING JULY 30 TO DISCUSS PROSPECT OF FURTHER
REPRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
(GOTT) RE KOREA BEFORE THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETS IN
COLOMBO. CANADIAN (MATHESON) STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN
INSTRUCTED IF APPROPRIATE TO RAISE THE KOREA QUESTION,
BUT THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED STRONGLY TO OTTAWA THAT THE
ISSUE NOT BE PURSUED FURTHER BY THE CORE GROUP IN PORT
OF SPAIN BECAUSE THERE WAS NO PROSPECT OF IMPROVING THE
GOTT STANCE BEYOND ITS PRESENT NEUTRAL TO LUKE WARM
SUPPORT OF THE WESTERN POSITION, AND THAT TO PRESS FURTHER
RAN A GREAT RISK OF DIRECTLY ANTAGONIZING PRIME MINISTER
WILLIAMS IF HE WERE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE REPRESENTATION
AS HE WAS ALMOST SURE TO DO. CANADIAN HICOM FELT WILLIAMS
WOULD RESENT WESTERN "GANGING UP" AND MIGHT AS RESULT
SHIFT GOTT POLICY FROM PRESENT POSITIVE NEUTRALITY TO
ONE OF HOSTILITY TO WESTERN POSITION. HE REPORTED THAT
CANADIAN CORE GROUP CONVENER IN JAMAICA HAD ALSO RECOMMENDED
AGAINST FURTHER OVERTURES IN KINGSTON AT THIS TIME.
2. NEVERTHELESS, GOVERNMENT IN CANADA HAD SUBSEQUENTLY
INSTRUCTED CANADIAN HICOM HERE TO CONVENE CORE GROUP
AND GET ITS VIEWS ON WHETHER IT WAS ADVISABLE TO
PROCEED.

3. ONLY BRITISH REP KWHO WAS TOTALLY WITHOUT INSTRUCTION)
TENDED TO ECHO CANADIAN CONCERN AT FURTHER REPRESENTATION.
DUTCH AND GERMAN DIPLOMATS HAD BOTH RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS
TO SUPPORT A JOINT DEMARCHE ALONG LINES OF AIDE MEMOIRE
IN REFTEL, AND FELT IT WAS USEFUL TO PLACE A WRITTEN PAPER
IN THE HANDS OF GOTT OFFICIALS SINCE THERE HAD BEEN A
NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST CORE GROUP REPRESEN-
TATION. CANADIAN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FONOFF PERMANENT
SECRETARY HAD BEEN MOST APPRECIATIVE OF WRITTEN AIDE
MEMOIRE DURING FIRST CORE GROUP PRESENTATION (MAY 7--
PORT OF SPAIN 1173 AND 1179) , AND NOTED IT WAS FIRST
CLEAR EXPOSITION HE HAD RECEIVED IN WRITING OF WESTERN
POSITION. JAPANESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, ALTHOUGH WITHOUT
INSTRUCTIONS, EXPRESSED SUPPORT FR WRITTEN DEMARCHE, AND
I INDICATED LOW KEY SUPPORT AS WELL, ALTHOUGH NOTING I WAS
NOT AUTHORIZED AT THIS TIME TO SEND SUCH A DEMARCHE FROM
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.
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4. AWARE OF OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN USG DIALOGUE (SEPTEL)
WHICH I WAS NOT AT LIBERTY TO REVEAL TO CORE GROUP AT
THIS TIME, I SUGGESTED WE MIGHT SEEK INSTRUCTIONS AND
RECONVENE TUESDAY. CONSENSUS FURTHER DEVELOPED TO EFFECT
THAT JAPANESE CHARGE AS SOLE ASIAN MEMBER SHOULD DELIVER
AIDE MEMOIRE ON BEHALF OF ENTIRE CORE GROUP NEXT WEEK
IF HE CAN OBTAIN APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO.

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CANADIAN WENT ALONG WITH THIS RATHER RELUCTANTLY, BUT
WAS CLEARLY NOT PREPARED PERSONALLY TO MAKE THE
REPRESENTATION AS HE DID IN MAY AND WOULD HAVE PREFERRED
HAPAN OR USG MAKE INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATINS NOT
ASSOCIATED WITH CORE GROUP. CLEAR PREFERENCE OF BOTH GERMANS
AND DUTCH (ALONG WITH U.S.) FOR ALL GOVERNMENTS TO BE ON
RECORD SWAYED THE DAY.

5. CORE GROUP IS NOW SCHEDULED TO RECONVENE WEDNESDAY
A.M. AUGUST 4 (MONDAY IS HOLIDAY HERE) FOR FINAL DECISION
AND POSSIBLE DELIVERY OF AIDE MEMOIRE BY JAPANESE CHARGE
THAT SAME DAY TO GOTT FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN ORDER THAT
OUR EFFORTS BE ADEQUATELY COORDINATED AND LATER ADVERSE
REPERCUSSIONS NOT OCCUR, I URGENTLY REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS
ON DEGREE TO WHICH I MAY INFORM CORE GROUP COLLEAGUES OF
PARALLEL HIGH LEVEL USG INITIATIVES WITH GOTT. ALSO
REQUEST AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT AIDE MEMOIRE TO BE DELIVERED
BY JAPANESE CHARGE WHICH WILL BE SUBSTANTIVELY CONSISTENT
WITH TEXT OF U.S. AIDE MEMOIRE IN REFTEL.
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